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FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE UNOFFICIAL ENGLISH
TRANSLATION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE TODMAN'S
AUGUST 19 PRESS CONFERENCE IN MONTEVIDEO.
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QUESTION: DON'T YOU BELIEVE THAT THERE IS AN EVIDENT CONTRADICTION BETWEEN THE POLICY OF PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER, WHICH ASKS CERTAIN COUNTRIES TO OBSERVE HUMAN RIGHTS WHILE THE UNITED STATES AT THIS MOMENT LESSENS ITS CRITICISM OF CUBA IN ORDER TO DEVELOP RELATIONS WITH CUBA? HAS THE UNITED STATES LESSENED ITS CRITICISM TOWARD RUSSIA ABOUT RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS? WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THIS?

ANSWER: I WILL BE PLEASED TO ANSWER. THERE ARE TWO THINGS AND THEY ARE THAT WE DO NOT DEMAND SPECIFIC ACTS OF ANY COUNTRY
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BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS FOR EVERY COUNTRY TO DETERMINE ACCORDING TO ITS OWN CONDITIONS ALL THE MEANS THAT IT MAY NEED TO TAKE TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS. SO MUCH FOR DEMANDS. BUT PERHAPS IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO ALSO EXPLAIN ABOUT CUBA. BEFORE DOING THAT I ALSO WANT TO MAKE CLEAR THAT WE MAINTAIN THE SMAE PRINCIPLE FOR THE PROMOTION OF RESPECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS WITH EVERY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD. THERE ARE DIFFERENCES IN THE METHODS

WE APPLY DEPENDING ON OUR RELATIONS WITH DIFFERENT COUNTRIES. THEN, THE FACT THAT WE SPEAK PUBLICLY ABOUT ONE OR TALK PRIVATELY WITH ANOTHER DEPENDS ON OUR ANALYSIS OF WHICH METHOD WILL BE MORE EFFECTIVE IN ORDER TO REACH THE GOAL OF PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS. WITH REGARD TO CUBA, WE CONSIDER AND WE HAVE SAID, THAT CUBA IS ONE OF THE GREATEST VIOLATORS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. WE HAVE SAID THAT PUBLICLY AND WE HAVE SAID IT PRIVATELY. THE FACT THAT WE HAVE CONTACTS WITH CUBA IS ANOTHER MATTER. THE UNITED STATES HAS MANY POINTS OF DIFFERENCES WITH CUBA. WE REALIZED THAT FOR 16 YEARS WITHOUT ANY KIND OF CONTACT, EXCEPT BY OCCASIONALLY VIOLENT OR TENSE MEANS, WE WERE NOT IN ANY WAY PROMOTING OUR INTERESTS NOR SOLVING ANY PROBLEMS. WE DECIDED THEN THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS TO SEE THAT IF THROUGH THEM WE ACHIEVED THE SOLUTION OF ONE OF THESE PROBLEMS. AMONG THESE, HUMAN RIGHTS HAS A PLACE OF PRIORITY. OUR CONTACTS BEGAN BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT BOTH COUNTRIES DECLARED 200 MILE (TERRITORIAL WATER) ZONES. SINCE THERE ARE ONLY 90 MILES SEPARATING THE TWO COUNTRIES, IT WAS EVIDENTLY NECESSARY FOR US TO ESTABLISH MARITIME BOUNDARIES. ALSO SINCE WE HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ADMINISTERING FISHING RIGHTS IN OUR ZONE, IT WAS NECESSARY TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT WITH CUBA SO THAT SHE WOULD UNDERSTAND THE REGULATIONS FOR THE POSSIBLE USE OF THESE WATERS. WE ARE GOING TO EXCHANGE INTEREST SECTIONS IN ORDER TO HAVE THE POSSIBILITY OF MAINTAINING THAT COMMUNICATION. BUT, SOMETHING ELSE WE ARE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH WITH THESE CONTACTS IS PRECISELY THE PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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AND FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW THIS ALREADY HAS HAD EFFECTS IN THE FREEING OF SOME PRISONERS AND RECENTLY IN AUTHORIZING AMERICAN FAMILIES WITH CUBAN RELATIVES TO LEAVE CUBA.

QUESTION: MR. TODMAN: THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS APPLIED AGAINST URUGUAY SOME RESTRICTIVE MEASURES FUNDAMENTALLY IN THE FIELD OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE, MAINTAINING THAT OUR COUNTRY DOES NOT FULFILL ALL THE CONDITIONS IN REGARD TO HUMAN RIGHTS. THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT CARTER HAS ALSO SUSPENDED THE SALE OF ARMS TO THE URUGUAYAN POLICE, MAINTAINING THAT THIS HAS BEEN MOTIVATED BY THE POSSIBILITY THAT OUR POLICE MIGHT USE THEM TO SUBDUCE HUMAN RIGHTS. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU SO THAT THE URUGUAYAN PEOPLE MIGHT KNOW ON WHAT GROUNDS HAS PRESIDENT CARTER'S GOVERNMENT BASED ITSELF TO APPLY THIS TYPE OF SANCTION AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF URUGUAY? WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO KNOW THE INFORMATION THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS THROUGH ITS IMPORTANT ORGANIZATIONS--AMONG THEM THE CIA--ABOUT THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN URUGUAY?

ANSWER: WITH PLEASURE. THE CIA DOES NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS, BUT THERE ARE MANY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, THERE ARE MANY URUGUAYANS WHO HAVE EXPRESSED THAT POINT OF VIEW AND THAT INFORMATION COMES TO US IN DIFFERENT WAYS. THAT IS TO SAY THAT THERE IS A WHOLE GAMUT OF ORGANIZATIONS AND PERSONS WHO

REPORT TO US. WE UNDERSTAND VERY WELL THAT SOME OF THIS
INFORMATION IS VERY PARTIAL, THAT THERE ARE PERSONS WITH PROPAGAN-
DISTIC AND ANTI-URUGUAYAN INTERESTS WHO TAKE PART IN THIS. WE TRY TO
DISCOUNT THOSE REPORTS. BUT I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT NOT ALL THE
INFORMATION COMES ONLY FROM THOSE SOURCES. I KNOW VERY
WELL FOR A FACT THAT THERE IS NO PUBLICITY ABOUT THE GRADUAL AND
STEADY PROGRESS THAT IS GOING ON IN THE COUNTRY. IN THE INTERNATIONAL
MEDIA THERE IS A CERTAIN MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT WHAT IS THE REAL
SITUATION. WHAT WE HOPE IS THAT URUGUAY CAN DO MORE SO THAT
INTERNATIONAL AND UNITED STATES OPINION MAY UNDERSTAND WHAT
THE REALITY OF THE COUNTRY IS.

QUESTION: WITH RESPECT TO HUMAN RIGHTS COULD YOU TELL US WHAT THE
CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS DOING TO DIMINISH THE ALWAYS
GREATER PRESSURE OF THE KU KLUX KLAN IN THE UNITED STATES TO
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RESOLVE THE "APERTHEID" PROBLEM, AND FURTHER TO HELP THE
BLACK PEOPLE OF YOUR COUNTRY TO HAVE BETTER CONDITIONS?
ANSWER: CERTAINLY. THE KU KLUX KLAN IS ILLEGAL IN THE UNITED
STATES AND CANNOT FREELY OPERATE IN THE COUNTRY. AS FOR
"APERTHEID", THAT IS A WORD THAT COMES FROM SOUTH AFRICA WHICH
REPRESENTS THE POLICY OF THAT GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS NOTHING
TO DO WITH RACIAL DISCRIMINATION THAT STILL CONTINUES IN CERTAIN
PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES. AS FOR THE PLACE OR ROLE PLAYED BY
BLACKS IN THE UNITED STATES, I AM VERY PLEASED TO SAY THAT THERE

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IS STILL MUCH TO BE DONE. EVERYDAY WE SEE A LOT OF PROGRESS AND WE HAVE BLACKS WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT. THERE ARE TWO MEMBERS OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S CABINET, THERE ARE CONGRESSMEN, THERE IS A SENATOR AND PEOPLE AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT, BOTH LOCAL AS WELL AS FEDERAL, WHO ARE THE PEOPLE WHO EFFECTIVELY MAKE THE DECISIONS. THERE IS MUCH TO BE DONE BUT WE SEE THAT WE ARE ON THE ROAD.

QUESTION: WHAT OPINION DID YOU BRING TO URUGUAY ABOUT URUGUAY AND WHAT IS YOUR OPINION NOW THAT YOU HAVE BEEN IN URUGUAY?

ANSWER: AS A RESULT OF THE EXCELLENT WORK THAT OUR EMBASSY DOES, OF THE CONTACTS THAT IT HAS WITH ALL ELEMENTS OF SOCIETY, I THINK THAT I HAD, AS WELL AS ANYONE COULD HAVE IN WRITING, A VERY GOOD IDEA. BUT THAT CANNOT BE COMPARED WITH WHAT I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO LEARN, BOTH IN MY DISCUSSIONS -- TRULY, VERY OPEN, CORDIAL AND FRANK-- WITH ALL THE PEOPLE WITH WHOM I HAVE TALKED. BUT MORE THAN THAT, THERE IS THE HUMAN FEELING THAT ON EXPERIENCES ONLY BY BEING WITH THE PEOPLE, TALKING WITH THE PEOPLE, SEEING THEIR FACES, FEELING THEIR MANNER OF BEING. FOR THAT REASON, I AM SURE THAT I HAVE A MUCH WIDER AND BETTER IMPRESSION OF URUGUAY AFTER HAVING BEEN HERE.

QUESTION: PEOPLE WHO HAVE VISITED THE UNITED STATES, WHO HAVE LIVED WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, NOTICE THE WIDESPREAD CONSUMPTION OF DRUGS AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE. HAS THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION UNCLASSIFIED

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TAKEN ANY STEPS TO SOLVE THAT PROBLEM?

ANSWER: YES, THE PRESIDENT HAS NAMED A SPECIAL ASSISTANT, WHO IS IN THE WHITE HOUSE, TO SHOW HIS PERSONAL INTEREST AND TO COORDINATE ALL ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF DRUGS. AND SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THIS ADMINISTRATION WE HAVE INCREASED OUR COOPERATION WITH DIFFERENT COUNTRIES WHICH ARE THE SOURCES OF DRUGS. WE ARE TRYING TO COOPERATE MORE, TO HELP MORE WITH PROGRAMS TO COMBAT THIS PROBLEM.

QUESTION: CUBA HAS NOT BEEN ISOLATED BY CHANCE. CUBA WAS ISOLATED SINCE IT DECLARED CRIMINAL AND SUBSERSIVE GUERRILLA WARFARE ALL OVER THE CONTINENT. URUGUAY PAID ITS PRICE IN BLOOD. WE PAID IT WITH MEN FROM YOUR COUNTRY, DAN MITRIONE, CLAUDE FLY, A MAN YOU SENT US TO INCREASE THE AGRICULTURAL RICHNESS OF THE COUNTRY AND WHO WAS MISERABLY CONDEMMED TO A MISERABLE PRISON. FOREIGN AMBASSADORS ALSO PAID (THE PRICE). URUGUAY WENT THROUGH ALL THIS, THANK GOD. I REMEMBER A VERY IMPORTANT FACT. WHEN DEAN RUSK WENT TO LAY A WREATH AT THE PLAZA INDEPENDENCIA, THE SAME AS YOU DID RECENTLY, HE WAS SPAT UPON BY AN ILLBRED URUGUAYAN FROM A GROUP OF TRAINED SUPPORTERS. URUGUAY HAS PUT ALL THIS ASIDE AND IS CREATING A NEW COUNTRY BASED ON SOMETHING LIKE YOU ARE SAYING EVERY DAY WITH REGARD TO HUMAN RIGHTS. WE WANT THE FULL DEVELOPMENT OF THE PEOPLE WITH FREEDOM, CULTURE AND FAMILY. AS FOR OUR POLICY WHICH IMPOSES RESTRICTIONS

ON OUR POLICE WHICH BROUGHT ABOUT OUR INTERNAL PEACE, HOW DOES THIS DIFFER FROM THE HUMAN RIGHTS THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION TODAY, THROUGH YOU AS ITS SPOKESMAN, BRINGS TO OUR COUNTRY?

ANSWER: I'M NOT SURE IF FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE QUESTION. I UNDERSTAND VERY WELL AND I SHARE THE FEELINGS THAT YOU HAVE EXPRESSED. I ASSURE YOU AND I THINK THAT IT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE FOR EVERY GOVERNMENT TO TAKE MEASURES TO COMBAT TERRORISM, TO COMBAT VIOLENCE AND TO COMBAT THE CRIMES OF PEOPLE

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WHO WANT TO USE UNLAWFUL METHODS TO TRY TO HARM THE PEOPLE, OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT, MOLEST THE RIGHTS OF OTHER PEOPLE. WHAT WE DO NOT BELIEVE IS THAT IN ORDER TO COMBAT THIS, THAT THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF OR THE AUTHORITIES SHOULD USE ILLEGAL METHODS OR METHODS WHICH VIOLATE THOSE RIGHTS. THEN,, IF THE GOVERNMENT PUTS ITSELF IN THAT POSITION, IT HAS NO MORAL AUTHORITY TO DEAL WITH THOSE PERSONS AND FINALLY TO END THE COMMUNIST ATTACKS FROM WHEREVER THEY MAY COME, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WILL ALWAYS BE THE GOVERNMENT'S MORAL AUTHORITY, THE FAITH OF THE PEOPLE IN THAT GOVERNMENT. THIS CAN VERY WELL SATISFY ITS ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, CULTURAL, LEGAL AIMS TO FIND JUSTICE, POLICIES, THE FREEDOM OF SAYING THAT IT DOES NOT WANT ANYTHING ELSE. THEN, ALTHOUGH GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS MAY EXIST WHICH MIGHT WANT TO CHANGE THIS, THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DO SO BECAUSE OF THE STRENGTH OF THE PEOPLE ITSELF AND ITS FAITH IN THE GOVERNMENT.

QUESTION: YOU HAVE TALKED WITH OPTIMISM, SIR, OF THE CONTACTS YOU HAD IN MONTEVIDEO, BOTH AT GOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE LEVELS I WOULD SAY, OFFICIALLY AND OF THE OPPOSITION. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THESE CONTACTS THAT YOU HAD FOR 45 HOURS IN MONTEVIDEO THAT YOU CAN DISSIPATE THE MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND THE "SHADOWS", AS FOREIGN MINISTER ROVIRA SAID YESTERDAY WHEN HE TALKED WITH YOU AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, ABOUT THE RELATIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES, AND HOW LONG WILL THIS TAKE?

ANSWER: I HAVE EVERY HOPE IN THAT SENSE, BUT, BUT I RECOGNIZE THAT THE TIME I HAVE BEEN HERE HAS BEEN TOO SHORT AND NOBODY REGRETS THIS MORE THAN I DO BUT I BELIEVE THAT AT LEAST WE HAVE GOTTEN IT STARTED AND I AM SURE THAT AT LEAST WE HAVE GOTTEN IT STARTED AND I AM SURE THAT BY FOLLOWING THROUGH ON THAT UNDERSTANDING WE ARE GOING TO REACH AN AGREEMENT. TO SET A TIME.... I HOPE THAT IT WILL BE AS SHORT AS POSSIBLE.

QUESTION: BUT IN THE REALM OF UNDERSTANDING; YOU SAY THAT WE HAVE BEGUN TO GET STARTED ON THE ROAD TO AN UNDERSTANDING; IN ECONOMIC, IN CULTURAL, IN POLITICAL, IN SOCIAL, IN ALL FIELDS?

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ANSWER: IT HAS TO BE IN EVERY FIELD,BECAUSE FOR US, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS, WE ARE NOT LIMITING OURSELVES TO THE RIGHT THE INDIVIDUAL, TO THE RIGHT OF NOT BEING TORTURED, OF NOT BEING ARRESTED WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF ONE'S FAULT, OF NOT REMAINING UNDER ARREST WITHOUT CHARGES, OF NOT BEING PROCESSED BY AN INDEPENDENT AND COURAGEOUS JUSTICE WHICH WILL DICTATE THE NECESSARY SENTENCE. WE DON'T TALK ONLY ABOUT THAT, THAT IS ONE PART; WE TALK ALSO OF THE RIGHT TO SATISFY ONE'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL NEEDS (WHICH ARE) VITAL.

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QUESTION: AS AN UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRY IN THE UNJUST INTERNATIONAL CHARACTERIZATION WITH THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES... IS THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION PLANNING ANY CONCRETE MEASURES TO BENEFIT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THOSE COUNTRIES, WHICH IF THEY DO NOT HAVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, NEITHER WILL THEY BE ABLE TO HAVE THE DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS?

ANSWER: WE ARE NOT PLANNING, RATHER WE ARE WORKING ON THAT, IN WHAT WE HAVE PRESENTED TO CONGRESS, FOR THE VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL FUNDS, FOR EXAMPLE; IN BILATERAL ASSISTANCE WE HAVE ASKED FOR INCREASES.

QUESTION: STABLE PRICES FOR RAW MATERIALS ?

ANSWERS: THAT IS WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR. WE HAVE THE CASE OF THE SHOES WHERE ON THIRD OF THE MARKET IS NOW IN HANDS OF IMPORTED SHOES, BUT WE DID NOT CLOSE OUR MARKET, WHICH WOULD HAVE HURT URUGUAY. ON THE CONTRARY, WE ARE LOOKING FOR WAYS OF CONTINUING TO PURCHASE; NOT ONLY DO WE INTEND TO, BUT WE ARE EFFECTIVELY

DOING THINGS, BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT WITHOUT SATISFYING THESE AREAS AREAS, OF HOUSING, NUTRITION, MEDICAL CARE, YOU CANNOT SATISFY THE OTHER AREAS. IF A MAN DIES OF HUNGER OR FROM ANY ILLNESS, IT'S THE SAME, HE IS SUFFERING. WE SEE A THRID GROUP WHICH DOES NOT HAVE THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPRESSING ITS OPINIONS FREELY, WITHOUT FEAR, ALTHOUGH THOSE OPINIONS ARE CONTRARY TO THOSE OF THE AUTHORITIES. THAT IS PART OF HIS RIGHT, UNCLASSIFIED

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BECAUSE WHEN THERE ARE RULES THAT AFFECT THE PERSON, THERE MUST BE (LAWS) THAT SAY SO. WE SEE THAT ALL THIS IS A PART OF IT AND WHEN WE TALK ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS WE ARE TALKING ABOUT ALL OF THIS.

QUESTION: (UNINTELLIGIBLE, RELATED TO THE CASE OF A BRAZILIAN JOURNALIST, CORRESPONDENT OF THE MEXICAN NEWSPAPER EXCELSIOR, WHO HAS BEEN ARRESTED BY URUGUAYAN POLICE).

ANSWER: I HAVE HEARD ABOUT THE TAVARES CASE, BUT I DO NOT KNOW THE DETAILS AND I AM NOT ABLE TO DISCUSS IT.

QUESTION: HOW DO YOU REGARD URUGAY IN HUMAN RIGHTS, AS COMPARED WITH CHILE, PARAGUAY AND BRAZIL?

ANSWER: A THING I LEARNED A LONG TIME AGO IS NOT TO MAKE COMPARISONS.

QUESTION: HUMAN RIGHTS IN ARGENTINA AND CHILE HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT EXAGGERATED OR THERE WAS A LITTLE ERRONEOUS IMAGE THAN WAS EXPECTED. THAT WAS WHAT WAS SAID. DOES THAT MEAN THAT HUMAN RIGHTS IN THOSE COUNTRIES ARE IN FORCE OR THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BE IN FORCE?

ANSWER: THEY ARE GOING TO BE IN FORCE, THE THING IS THAT I DON'T KNOW HOW THAT CAN BE CORRECTED. JOURNALISTS ARE HONEST, LOYAL, AND ALL THAT. AND THEY ARE. WHEN THEY WRITE AND I AM TALKING MORE ABOUT FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS, THEY SEND THEIR STORIES TO THE NEWSPAPERS. WHAT THEY SEND HAS TO COMPETE WITH ALL THE OTHER NEWS BEING SENT. THE CHOICE (OF NEWS) THEN IS ONLY ABOUT DRAMATIC EVENTS AND OFTEN, UNFORTUNATELY, THE CHOICE TENDS TOWARD THE TRAGIC OR EVEN THE NEGATIVE. AS A RESULT, ALTHOUGH WHAT IS PUBLISHED IS TRUE IN ITSELF, WHEN THERE ARE A SERIES OF THINGS ONLY A PART IS GIVEN, WHICH SOMETIMES CANNOT BE THE REALITY BECAUSE IT OMITTS ALL THE OTHER THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF ANY COUNTRY ALMOST NEVER IS THE RESULT OF DRAMATIC EVENTS. THESE ARE EVENTS WHICH TAKE PLACE EVERY DAY, EVERY WEEK, EVERY MONTH, BUT SINCE THEY ARE NOT DRAMATIC, THERE IS NO INTEREST IN PUBLIZICING THEM. THEY ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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KNOWN IN THE COUNTRY, BUT OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY THERE IS NO SUCH INTEREST IN PUBLIZICING THIS. AND THE FACT IS THEY ARE PUBLISHING

ONLY CERTAIN SELECTED, SENSATIONAL, NEGATIVE, DRAMATIC EVENTS BECAUSE NOBODY HAS THE IMAGE OF ALL THE OTHER THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING, AND THEREFORE THEY DON'T HAVE A COMPLETE IDEA OF THE REALITY. THAT IS WHAT I WANTED TO SAY.

QUESTION: YOU MUST HAVE KNOWLEDGE, BY VARIOUS MEANS, ABOUT THE REALITY OF URUGUAY. IN THAT REGARD AND SINCE YOUR VISIT TO MONTEVIDEO WAS OF AN INFORMATIVE NATURE, WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS IN URUGUAY, ARE THEY IN FORCE OR NOT?

ANSWER: TO SAY SPECIFICALLY IF THEY ARE IN FORCE IS IMPOSSIBLE.

WE HAVE JUST SAID THAT IN A MATTER OF 45 HOURS, TO GAIN A DEEP KNOWLEDGE OF THE COUNTRY AND TO UNDERSTAND IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO GIVE AN OPINION ABOUT THE COUNTRY'S POSITION WOULD BE ASKING FOR TOO MUCH.

QUESTION: I THINK THAT YOU CAN SINCE YOU HAVE INFORMATION FROM VARIOUS SOURCES, AND MAKING A BALANCE, CAN GIVE US AN IDEA.

ANSWER: WHAT I LIKED WAS TO FEEL THAT THERE IS A DEEP DESIRE OF EVERYONE WITH WHOM I HAVE TALKED, TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS FOR EVERYONE. THEY WANT TO SEE THIS COUNTRY RETURN COMPLETELY TO DEMOCRACY, COMPLETELY TO FULL RESPECT. THIS IS WHAT I FEEL AND LEADS ME TO BELIEVE, TO HAVE THE ASSURANCE THAT IT IS GOING TO BE ACHIEVED.

QUESTION: IN THAT REGARD, YOU ARE SATISFIED WITH URUGUAY?

ANSWER: YES, VERY SATISFIED. THANK YOU.

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